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1. EMBASSY CONTACTED GEOTHERMAL DIVISION OF ETHIOPIAN
MINISTRY OF MINES, ENERGY AND WATER RESOURCES REGARDING
REPAIR. ATO GETAHUN DEMISSIE, HEAD OF THE DIVISION, SAID THAT
THERE IS NO INSTALLED GEOTHERMAL POWER IN ETHIOPIA.
GEOTHERMAL ENERGY IS STILL IN AN EXPLORATION STAGE.

2. WITH TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL AID RECEIVED FROM UNDP,
PRE-DRILLING EXPLORATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED IN THE
LANGANO-SHALLA LAKES AREA. HOWEVER, LACK OF ADEQUATE
FINANCING HAS RETARDED OPERATIONS AND PREVENTED PROGRESS
TO THE TEST DRILLING STAGE. ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT HAS
MADE REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL AID FROM EEC,
FRANCE AND ITALY. IF AID IS RECEIVED AND PROPERLY
UTILIZED, ATO GETAHUN SAID, THEY EXPECT TO HAVE SOME
SORT OF POWER PLANT IN MID-1980.

3. ACCORDING TO ATO GETAHUN, AREA OF POTENTIAL FOR
DEVELOPMENT OF GEOTHERMAL ENERGY INCLUDES THE MIDDLE
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AND LOWER AWASH VALLEY, WHERE EXPLORATION WORK WILL
COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIPT OF ABOVE
MENTIONED AID.
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